

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A rod hanger adapter ~~selectively mounted~~ configured to mount to a side wall of an associated cabinet and receive an associated rod on which items can be hung, the rod hanger adapter comprising:

a first wall comprising an opening configured to receive a lance that extends from or is mounted to the side wall of the associated cabinet for mounting the rod hanger adapter to ~~[[a]] the side wall of [[said]] the associated cabinet~~, said opening comprising a linear upper edge and being intersected by a longitudinal axis of ~~[[the]]~~ said rod hanger adapter;

a second wall spaced from and at least substantially parallel to the first wall, wherein the second wall includes a first portion of a slot configured to receive ~~[[an]] the associated rod on which items can be hung~~, said second wall being connected to said first wall, said first portion of said slot being aligned with said opening and being intersected by said longitudinal axis of said rod hanger adapter; and,

a third wall connecting said first wall to said second wall, said third wall being substantially perpendicular to said first and second walls, wherein a second portion of said slot extends into said third wall, said second portion of said slot being intersected by said longitudinal axis of said rod hanger adapter.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The rod hanger adapter of claim 1, further comprising a fourth wall spaced from and substantially parallel to said second wall, and a fifth wall connecting said second and said fourth wall.

4-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The rod hanger adapter of claim 3, wherein the fourth wall includes a notch having a linear upper edge, said notch configured to receive a lance that extends from or is mounted to the side wall of the associated cabinet.

8. (Original) The rod hanger adapter of claim 7, wherein the notch is formed in a lower edge of said fourth wall.

9. (Previously presented) The rod hanger adapter of claim 8, wherein the notch is aligned with the opening.

10-12. (Canceled)

13. (Original) The rod hanger adapter of claim 1, wherein the adapter is formed from a single piece of metal.

14-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) The rod hanger adapter of claim ~~[[15]]~~ 31, wherein a longitudinal axis of the opening is aligned with a longitudinal axis of the slot.

17. (Currently Amended) The rod hanger adapter of claim ~~[[15]]~~ 31, wherein said notch includes a linear upper edge.

18-25. (Canceled)

26. (New) An assembly for selectively hanging associated items in an associated cabinet, the assembly comprising:

a rod hanger adapter including:

a first wall comprising an opening for mounting the rod hanger adapter to a side wall of the associated cabinet, said opening comprising a linear upper edge;

a second wall spaced from and at least substantially parallel to the first wall, wherein the second wall includes a first portion of a slot, said second wall being connected to said first wall; and,

a third wall connecting said first wall to said second wall, said third wall being substantially perpendicular to said first and second walls, wherein a second portion of said slot extends into said third wall; and

a rod selectively received in said slot of said rod hanger adapter.

27. (New) The assembly of claim 26, wherein said rod hanger adapter further comprises a fourth wall spaced from and substantially parallel to said second wall, and a fifth wall connecting said second and said fourth wall.

28. (New) The assembly of claim 27, wherein said fourth wall includes a notch.

29. (New) The assembly of claim 28, wherein said notch is formed in a lower edge of said fourth wall.

30. (New) The assembly of claim 29, wherein said notch is aligned with said opening.

31. (New) In a cabinet, a rod hanger adapter for selectively mounting a rod in the cabinet so that items can be hung from the rod, the rod hanger adapter comprising:

a first wall including an opening for mounting the rod hanger adapter to a wall of the cabinet, said opening being substantially rectangular-shaped;

a second wall spaced from and at least substantially parallel to the first wall, wherein the second wall includes a slot configured to receive the rod; and

a third wall spaced from and at least substantially parallel to the second wall, said third wall including a notch for mounting the rod hanger adapter to the wall of the cabinet, said notch being aligned with said opening.

32. (New) The rod hanger adapter of claim 31, further comprising a fourth wall interconnecting said first wall to said second wall, wherein said slot in said second wall extends into said fourth wall.

33. (New) The rod hanger adapter of claim 32, further comprising a fifth wall interconnecting said second wall to said third wall.